

YANKEES DID NOT GET THE BETTER OF BIG DEAL WITH BOSTON

Edgren Sees It



Should Be Way of Bringing Sectional Football Champions Together.

THE various mix-ups over finding a strong Eastern college team to go out and play California on New Year's Day suggests the necessity of a new shuffle in collegiate football.

Now we have no way of deciding upon a national championship team. There are champions in certain sections of the country, but that isn't enough to satisfy a public that has come to regard football as the greatest American amateur sport, and to have a lively curiosity about the picking of "All-American" players.

What we need is a college conference this winter, at which representatives will gather from all parts of the country, to arrange a schedule in which the champions of East, Middle West, South and West can meet, and for a final game in which the last two champions fight it out for the national title.

This year California has what all the West calls a "wonder team." It is probably one of the strongest football teams ever seen in this country and at least equal to the best in any other section.

Yale was to have gone West to California if Yale had won from Harvard. One or two other Eastern teams, invited after Harvard had beaten Yale, were unable to accept—although the players were eager for the trip—because of faculty objections.

Notre Dame wanted to go, but was not acceptable to California because Notre Dame has not the same standard of eligibility that governs players on the California and other big college teams. Iowa was invited, but could not go. Penn State, acknowledged the strongest team in the East, went West and played Washington, winning by a score of 21 to 7, but California beat Washington 72 to 3. Penn State was unable to make another Western trip. Princeton, a strong Eastern team, lost to Chicago, and Chicago was beaten in turn by Ohio State, whose championship team of last year was annihilated by California last New Year's Day at Pasadena.

If there was a national intercollegiate arrangement, with a schedule leading up to one intercollegiate championship game, all confusion would be avoided and we would have the satisfaction of knowing positively what American team is entitled to first honors.

Tournament of Roses Committee, which is building a great stadium in Pasadena and taking a lively interest in college football, offers to arrange for an intercollegiate convention and pay the expenses of delegates from all parts of the country if they will meet in Pasadena and try to make a permanent American Intercollegiate Football Championship, which at least their proposition sounds interesting and may lead up to what the football fans have wanted ever since the West began to take a position on the football map and prove that the East had no monopoly of football talent.

SHOULD BE MODERATE.

The latest proposed "prohibition" is directed against making wagers on college athletic contests by college students.

I have noticed that the wild betting of years ago has died out, but as long as we have any sporting blood there will be some wagering—and a little bet now and then adds to the spice of life. There's no harm in it. It's human nature to enjoy taking a chance at something or other now and then, and we find little variety in life if everything is a sporting matter was "prohibited."

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE AND IMMUTABLE OBJECT.

On the way home from the game "Tay" Maxwell, another official, told me that Thorpe Maxwell is a giant in build, weighing nearly 300 pounds, and was not much lighter when in college.

"The first time I met Tom," said Maxwell, "was a long time ago when we were on the football field. I'd heard a lot about him as a great player. In that game I picked up a fumbled ball and got away clear for a run and a touchdown. I headed straight for the goal posts. All of a sudden I saw something over me in the air and looked up. There was a big, burly figure swinging by a chain from the cross bar like a chimpanzee."

"Before I could dodge, both his feet hit me squarely in the face and I went down. Make no mistake, I didn't stop. I never thought anything would stop me when I got under way, but I stopped dead that time. When I woke up the first thing I saw was the white goal line a yard in front of me and I hadn't reached it."

Asked about this remarkable football maneuver, Thorpe grinned and said: "Why, 'Tay' was a little confused. He wasn't exactly that way. I wasn't hanging from the cross bar. I was just in front of the goal post. I saw that big bear tearing down on me and I looked like trying to stop a runaway locomotive. I needed assistance, so I just backed up against the goal post for support and then used every ounce of strength I had for a bumper. I guess you were surprised that 'Tay' when he stopped he'd stopped like."

GREENLEAF COMES FROM BEHIND AND DEFEATS WOODS

Champion Has 24-Point Lead on Challenger in 450-Point Match for Title.

By William Abbott.

RALPH GREENLEAF of Wilmington, defending champion, finished with a twenty-four-point lead over Arthur Woods of Minneapolis in the first of three nights' competition for the national pocket billiard title at the Hotel Astor. The score was Greenleaf, 157; Woods, 133. The tournament is for 450 points, 150 each night. Greenleaf's final run was made while most of the spectators crowded around the table with the supporters of Woods muttering harsh things about the treatment of a visitor in this big city.

Woods figured his opponent would stop at 150. Instead the young champion continued to click the balls off the table after the Westerner protested when Referee Keogh failed to call Greenleaf's shots. After a general conference of officials Greenleaf was given the seven extra points, which represented his final inning.

The match was held in the grand ballroom of the Astor. James Gordon Battle, in an introductory speech, said there are nearly a quarter million billiard and pool players in New York, and that the cue game has become a major sport. The championship match surely has a big league setting with gilded chairs and most of the spectators in evening dress.

Both Players Are Cautious.

There were few really brilliant shots. Both young stars were cautious, especially Greenleaf, who performed below his usual brilliant form. There were numerous opportunities, but toward the end it was Greenleaf who rallied and made the best use of the opening.

Arthur Woods, runner-up to Greenleaf in several big meets, proved to be a square-jawed youth who wasn't afraid to take chances. He made most of the risky shots, usually difficult combinations that took nerve and clever execution.

Greenleaf's position play was especially effective. Time and again he maneuvered into place for smash shots that never failed to draw applause from the critical gallery. Referee Keogh, a four-time Greenleaf in the twenty-inning match, seemed to upset the champion, who became timid and nervous. But when the big moment arrived Greenleaf elected to try a long combination shot and this proved the turning point.

Greenleaf started strongly, gaining a lead of 40 to 2. Then the Fates suddenly shifted and decided to see what young Mr. Woods could do. Gradually the Westerner overhauled Greenleaf, a run of 42, the highest of the contest, helping a great deal.

From the twelfth to the twenty-seventh inning Greenleaf made only ten points. Meanwhile Woods did about all the shooting. His control was beautiful. Frequently the challenger would appear to be tied up, but each time he escaped with a clever combination shot. Woods, battling against luck that was none too kind, ran up to 125 before Greenleaf reached the century mark. Attempting a hard-side pocket shot, Woods missed and left the balls well scattered, although Greenleaf was down at the far end of the table close to the cushion.

Greenleaf Proves His Mettle. It was here the twenty-two-year-old champion showed his mettle when he successfully played a long combination. After giving Woods his chance to make a shot, Greenleaf accepted the invitation. Playing with somewhat of a softer stroke than Woods, the champion managed to keep the balls at one end and seldom shot a long shot. Gaining his stride, Greenleaf ran 23 in the twenty-eighth inning and followed this with 50 in the next inning. He then passed Woods and was never headed again.

At the finish it was Greenleaf who showed the best form while Woods gradually began to lose confidence.

Championship pocket billiards is played under a regulation ten by five table, but the pockets are one-quarter of an inch smaller than the average table.

The tournament at the Astor is under the rules which make the referee call all shots as well as fouls, which tends to speed up the play.

Greenleaf isn't likely to lose his title, judging from the results of the first night's shooting.

Drastic Forfeit Rule in Boxing

In what may be considered a further effort by the State Athletic Commission to protect the fans at all boxing bouts, a bulletin was issued yesterday to the various clubs and boxers requiring that heavy forfeits be posted with the commission to guarantee the proper carrying out of the provisions of all bouts.

Here is the bulletin:

On and after Dec. 24 the New York State Athletic Commission directs that a forfeit must be posted with the State Athletic Commission by all clubs and boxers.

Championship Bouts—Each contestant, \$2,500; clubs, \$5,000.

All Other Bouts—Each contestant at least 10 per cent. of the estimated amount of purse. Clubs, 20 per cent.

Note—In no case shall the minimum be less than \$25.

Certified checks, drawn to the order of the State Athletic Commission, for the boxes and the club's forfeits must be attached to all contracts and filed with the commission at the time the notice of contest is sent in.

No bouts will be allowed unless the forfeits are posted with this commission, and in every case the forfeit clause in the contract must be filled out. No contracts will be accepted where those clauses are left blank.

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.

J. P. Brennan, Secretary.

RED SOX COLLEGE

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ELMER SMITH OF CLEVELAND SWAPPED FOR 'STUFFY' McINNIS REFUSES TO BE DEMOTED TO BOSTON

REAL REASON WHY PECK WAS TRADED TO RED SOX

Huggins Couldn't Maintain Complete Control of Men With Roger Around.

By Bozeman Bulger.

BEHIND the big baseball deal between New York and Boston there is a deeper and more certain than the mere swapping of a job lot of players and letting the public guess who got the worst of it.

The judgment of managers and other old timers does not bear out the quickly formed impression that the Red Sox got a trimming. Far from it.

A year ago this time the Yanks would not have traded Peckinpaugh alone for the whole lot of Bostonians. And, he's just about as good now as he was then. Peckinpaugh is a lower of strength to any club.

In addition to his marvellous fielding and hitting he is a field general, a sort of balance wheel. That is why the Red Sox went the limit to grab him.

By a peculiar twist of circumstances that is exactly the reason also why the Yanks reluctantly consented to part with their flashy field leader.

There can not be two dominant leaders on one ball club. Remember the old French proverb, "One bad general is better than TWO good ones?" That's the notion—the fust that set off the trade.

You may also have observed that this trade was not made until after Huggins had signed his contract to manage the Yanks another year.

If he had not done so Roger Peckinpaugh would have got the job.

There was a certain amount of unpleasant difference of opinion among the players as to what method of play should be adopted to win the pennant. Many players openly disagreed with Huggins. His leadership slightly waned. He was ill and left the club for a fortnight. During that time Peckinpaugh took the reins and the players rallied around him to a man. They played like a house afire and cleaned up.

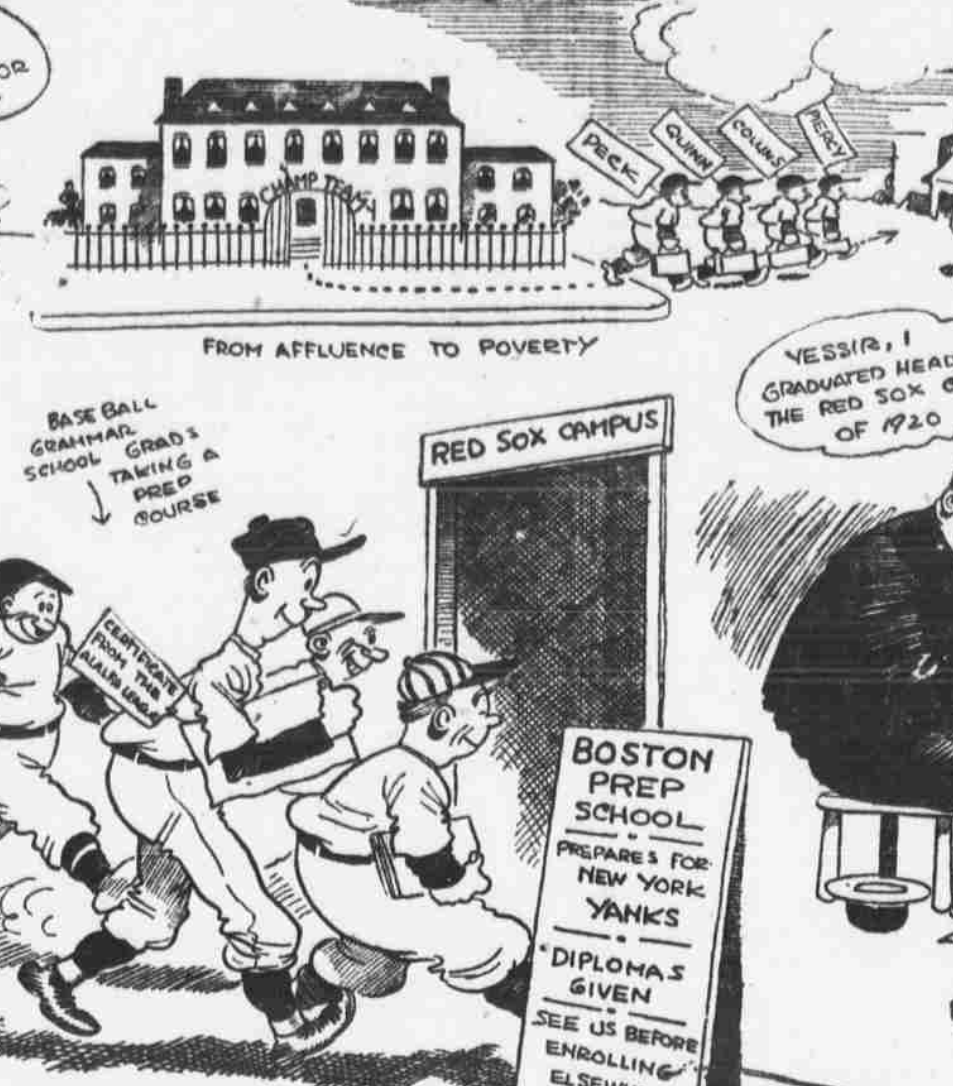
When Huggins returned it became a much argued question to whom the leadership they had rather follow. Peckinpaugh had no part in this. He was a good soldier and loyal. He did the best he could while in command but when the real manager returned he gave him his full support. But the players continued to gossip. The story even got into the papers. One writer going so far as to announce that Huggins was going to be let out.

Even if both leaders were good it would be a question to whom to follow both of them. There must be one and one only. When Huggins accepted his new contract it is said indirectly on that point. For the sake of single leadership the Yanks consented to trade their star shortstop. Naturally they had to get quite a lot in return.

Mind you, there was never any suggestion of Peckinpaugh having tried to undermine Huggins. He is not that kind of a man. The trade was big. The situation was understood. Though the Yanks did not get an other great field captain in return, they got Scott, one of the nicest short fielders that ever drew on a glove. He can't hit in the same alley with Peckinpaugh, but he can sure field 'em and throw 'em.

It is erroneous to consider Scott a youngster and Peckinpaugh a worn-out veteran. Scott is but two years younger than Roger and he has been playing in the big league almost as long—nine years.

I was in Hot Springs with the Red Sox when Scott first showed up. In



BABE IS AN OLD "GRAD" OF BOSTON 'SOX COLLEGE

LIVE WIRES

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Reason boxing is getting to be a tame sport is that the fighters are just trying to live and let live.

Somewhere there is doubtless a football expert that agrees with Walter Camp. But he hasn't spoken up and said so yet.

Thirty-three honor men that Camp selects were all first string stars on their teams. Walter accepts no substitutes.

Playing Ruth at first base may be good baseball, but a lot of guys along the first base line will have their view of the rest of the infield obstructed.

The Ham can play anywhere he wants, but the fans insist that he confine his batting to just one place. And that is smack over the fence.

Pro football runs so far into December that the boys don't have a chance to do their Christmas shopping at all.

Jack Dempsey played in Seattle last week without being sued.

The amateur tennis boys gave Rickard the laugh, but he is still booked up for a couple of court battles on his own hook.

Ex-Champion Pete Herman Meets Midget Smith in 15-Round Bout

Other Interesting Contests on Boxing Programme To-Night in Garden.

By John Pollock.

There should be plenty of real good fighting at Madison Square Garden to-night as four bouts which Tex Rickard offers for his boxing show brings together evenly matched battlers. In the main go, Midget Smith meets Pete Herman of New Orleans for fifteen rounds.

In the three eight-round bouts Gene Tunney takes on Eddie O'Hare, Jack Remont meets Al. Releh and Dave Rosenberg battles Jimmy Darcy.

Tommy Brown, the middleweight of Malden, Mass., who recently gave Mike Gibbons such a stiff ten-round go at Boston, has been signed up for another battle. He will take on Frank Carbone, the Italian fighter, in a twelve-round bout at a show to be brought off at Portland, Me., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27.

Mike Gibbons, who injured his right hand very badly in his ten-round go with Mike O'Dowd at St. Paul last Friday night, will not engage in another fight for at least a month. Mike drew away the fight for his and for competing O'Dowd, and the latter needed a similar amount. The men each fought for 35 per cent. of the gross receipts. The receipts figured up \$23,792.

Besides the main go between Joe Trillo of Philadelphia and Jimmy Handoo at the Olympia A. A. of Philadelphia on Monday afternoon, Matehater Taylor has booked up Sammy Mosberg of Brooklyn to meet Harry "Red" Brown of "Pitts" and Sammy Burns of New York to take on Whitely Fitzgerald of "Pitts" in two of the preliminary bouts.

Soldier Jones of the 106th Infantry will go against Jerry Ray Thompson of the Naval Militia in the main go of fifteen rounds at the show of the 12th Regiment tomorrow night. Soldier Smith will take on Soldier Wilson in the semifinal of ten rounds.

A match was arranged to-day between Jack Remont, the Canadian heavyweight, and Dan O'Dowd, the New England fighter. They stand apart of agreement to meet in a ten-round bout at New Bedford, Mass., on the night of Dec. 28. It might be a bruising battle, as each man is a game, aggressive fighter.

An interesting contest will be staged at the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn to-night. There will be four classes, 118 pounds, 125 pounds, 135 pounds and heavyweight. The prospects are for the men in their respective classes that the committee could secure for their bouts.

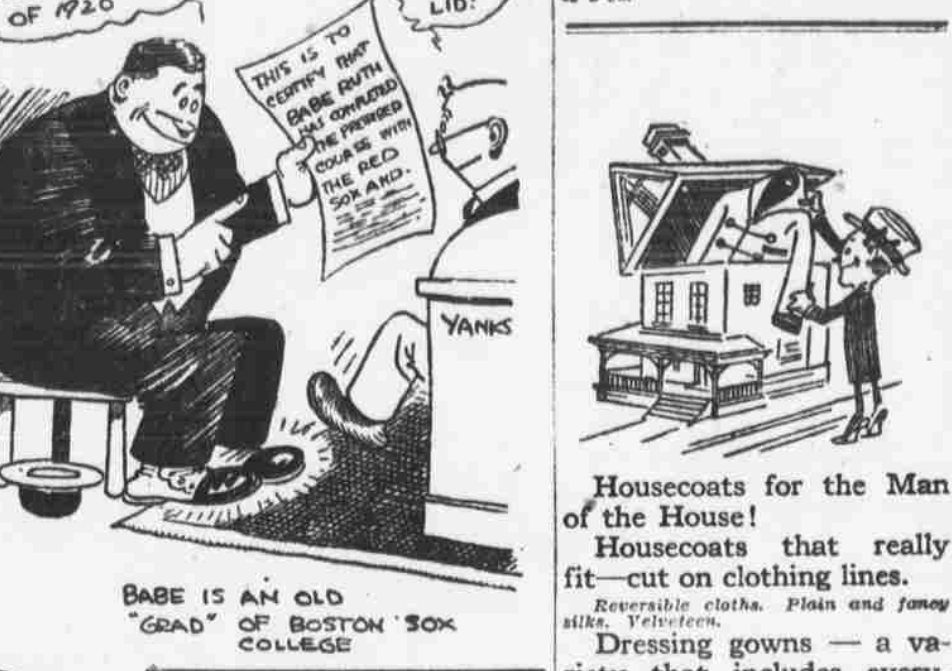
If Johnny Dundee's hand, which is injured in the fight with Al. Releh at the Olympia A. A., is not mended, Dundee will be forced to fight at the Olympia A. A. on Monday.

By Thornton Fisher N.Y.A.C. Defeats McGill in Pool

The swimmers of McGill University, intercollegiate champions of Canada, suffered a double defeat at the hands of the New York A. C. in the latter's pool last night.

They were beaten, 45 to 12, in an all-around contest and lost a well fought water polo game under international rules by 4 goals to 0.

A feature of the meet was the return to competition of Teddy Cann, world's record holder at 230 yards, who had been out of racing since he was injured in an automobile accident two years ago. He swam on the New York A. C. team in the 200-yard relay race and helped to win it in the fast time of 1m 41s, covering his allotted fifty in 25 2-5s.



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